



CITY OF MORGAN HILL
17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Morgan Hill Civic Center

City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, California

Chair

James Rotherth

Vice-Chair

Ariadne Delon Scott

Committee Member

Bob Eltgroth

Committee Member

Beth Ann Gardner

Committee Member

Jerry Kinkade

Committee Member

Stewart Witter

Committee Member

Vacant

6:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Rotherth

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Assistant Engineer Ryan Do

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2 (Assistant Engineer Ryan Do)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Morgan Hill Bicycle Advisory Committee welcomes comments from all individuals on any agenda item being considered by the Committee. Please complete a Speaker Card and present it to the Secretary/Assistant Engineer. This will assist the Committee Members in hearing your comments at the appropriate time. In the interest of brevity and timeliness and to ensure the participation of all those desiring an opportunity to speak, comments presented to the Committee are limited to **Three Minutes**. We appreciate your cooperation.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA.

ORAL REPORTS

- A. **COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE** **BAC Rep: Bob Eltgroth**

BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF September 18, 2000**
2. **NO MEETING MINUTES DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM ON October 16, 2000**

NEW BUSINESS

3. **BICYCLE PARKING AT TASTE OF MORGAN HILL** **Member Eltgroth**
Recommended Action: Discuss how to improve bicycle parking at this City event.
4. **UPDATE ON BICYCLE MASTER PLAN** **Staff**
Recommended Action: Review final draft of the Bikeways Master Plan and provide comments to staff. See attached report.
5. **UPDATE ON BICYCLE PARKING GRANT** **Staff**
Recommended Action: Select type of bicycle rack to install and provide direction regarding potential vendors.
6. **BICYCLE PARKING AT NEW SKATEBOARD PARK** **Staff**
Recommended Action: Discuss possibilities of installing bicycle racks at this location.
7. **PURCHASE OF PATH BETWEEN SANCHEZ DRIVE AND HALE AVENUE** **Member Eltgroth**
Recommended Action: Develop recommendations for purchase of this path and forward to Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. **LETTER TO CALTRAIN REGARDING BICYCLE BOARDING**

Recommended Action: Review and approve the letter to Caltrain. See attached letter. **Member Witter**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAC Vacancy
Future Meetings

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.

Bicycle Resource Directory (to be completed after the bikeways master plan)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting will adjourn to the next regular meeting on December 18, 2000.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (3 MINUTES)

Following the opening of Committee business, the public may present comments on items **NOT** appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction. Should your comments require Committee action, your request will be placed on the next appropriate agenda. No Committee discussion or action may be taken until your item appears on a future agenda. You may contact the Committee Secretary for specific time and dates. This procedure is in compliance with the California Public Meeting Law (Brown Act) G.C. 54950.5. Please limit your presentation to three (3) minutes.

SPEAKER CARDS

In accordance with Government Code 54953.3 it is not a requirement to fill out a speaker card in order to speak to the Committee. However, it is very helpful to the Committee if you would fill out the speaker card that is available on the counter in the Committee Chambers. Please fill out a card and return it to the Committee Secretary. As your name is called by the Chair, please walk to the podium. Clearly state your name and address and then proceed to comment on the agenda item. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

NOTICE

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

The time within which judicial review must be sought of the action by the Committee which acted upon any matter appearing on this agenda is governed by the provisions of Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

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November 20, 2000

CALTRAIN

Dear Sir / Madam:

The Morgan Hill Bicycle Advisory Committee (MHBAC) has a recommendation for decreasing the time the Caltrain train waits at a station platform.

Bicyclist loading their bikes on the train in Morgan Hill are generally the last people on the train, especially on the last two trains to leave Morgan Hill in the mornings. This causes the train to stay at the platform longer. As the ridership has increased, we have noticed the train delayed at the platform by more than a minute. It is not that the bicyclists take more time to load their bikes on the train, but it's that they can't load the train concurrently with pedestrians. Bicyclist typically waits for 10 to 15 pedestrian to enter the train before the bicyclists start to enter the train. If the bicyclist have the right away to enter the train first, pedestrians would choose to use other doors and the train would spend less time at the platform.

Since many of the pedestrians who enter the train on the bike car entrance choose to sit in the bike car it is becoming more difficult to find an open seat in the bike car. This forces bicyclist to stand or leave their bicycles (which is against the Caltrain bicycle rules) and go to another car.

As Caltrain ridership increases, this problem will only get worse. The MHBAC wants to promote safe and efficient bicycle commuting. The MHBAC strongly urges Caltrain to change the Bicycle Rider Rules to permit Caltrain customers with bicycles to board the train before people without bicycles.

Sincerely,

MORGAN HILL BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE